Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has it been under consideration ever since it was raised in the Budget of 1106?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Quite possible.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what is the difficulty in coming to a decision?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It had to be temporarily dropped because of financial stringency.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether increase of salary was given in that department since this question was brought to the notice of the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Commissioner needs relief in regard to the discharge of the work since he is very much overworked?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That does not arise out of this question. Is that a supplementary question, Sir.

President.—I think it is not a supplementary question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the powers to be delegated to these D. S. Ps.' are?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have not got the file here. I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether proposals have been submitted to Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It was submitted.

Mr. C. A Ouseph.—When?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Want notice.

T. A. of Field D. S. Ps.

335. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state in a tabular form—

(a) the amounts of T. A. drawn by the two Field District Superintendents of Police per mensem in 1108 and 1109;

(b) the amounts drawn permensem by the Division Inspectors of Police separately in 1104 and 1105?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) A tabular statement containing information except for 1104 is attached. (*Appendix I*).

Import of Siamese rice.

336. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many bags of Siamese rice have been imported into Cochin in 1933 and 1934;

(d) do they intend to take any steps to prevent future importation?

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Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) In 1933 1,12,511 bags. In 1934 up to 1--3—1934—1,77,068 bags.

(b) No. It is not possible to do so in view of the provisions of the Interportal Agreement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why such an increase is shown in the two months?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The one and odd lakhs is for three months.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were not Siamese rice imported before that?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.--We wrote to the Customs Officer on this matter and he gave us this reply.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what the attitude of the Imperial Government in regarding this?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have no official information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether our Government reported our views to the Imperial Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.--Not on the question of the Import of Siamese rice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government any objection to do so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not considered the question so far.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government consider this question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We shall try.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—As stated by the Hon'ble Leader of the House, whether we will be benefited?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not yet considered the question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Do the Government intend to take up this question?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Government have not considered that question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether Government intends taking up the question?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—I cannot give an answer to that question. They will have to consider that.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government will consider the question?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—I said, yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether the Imperial Government are taking steps to prohibit the importation of Siamese Rice for one year?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was some report about it in the press about four or six dys back to any that the Government of India are contemplating to take action about the control on the import of rice. I do not know how far it has materialised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If the proposal materialises may I know whether it will have its repercussions in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, certainly it will have. Any control on the question of imports will have always its effects on Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In that case does our Government think of taking anyaction in the matter?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—I have answered it many times.

Mr. A. R. Raman—appointment as Probationary Revenue Inspector.

337. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) when was Mr. A. R. Raman appointed as Probationary Revenue Inspector;

(b) are not Government aware of a certificate given to Mr. Raman by Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar recording the fact that Mr. Raman was specially selected as Revenue Probationer with the intention of subsequently appointing him as a Tahsildar and also with the aim of thereby encouraging the Ezhuva community of the State and that Mr. Raman had justified the selection by diligence and earnestness in his work and that he possessed an excellent character and was thoroughly well behaved;

(c) are not Government aware of the fact that the Madras Government appoint Revenue Probationers straightway as Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars soon after the expiration of the period of their probation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) From 1st Meenam 1102 M. E.

(b) Government have perused copy of such a certificate submitted by Mr. Raman along with his petitions and said to have been given by Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar in January 1931.

(c) Government have no definite information about the practice referred to.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—With reference to (b) have not the Government seen the certificate of Mr. Raman?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A copy was forwarded to us and Government have perused it.

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